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We shall publish, or about the 1st of January, No. 2 of our Wisconsin Almanac, containing, in addition to the Calendar for the year, Description of Wisconsin, List of Members of all the successive Legislatures, Table of all the general Elections held in the State, Census of 1850 by town, &c., &c., an Appendix, giving much other valuable matter. We propose to add to the master contained in the Register for 1856, the Election Returns for November, by towns—the new Appointments Bill—An Amendment to the Constitution for 1856—the Vote of the Union for President—before other similar statistics for reference, the whole making a pamphlet of about 150 pages.

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The Address of the Republican State Committee.

We are at length able to make room, for a part of this able and interesting document; and though we are late in doing so, it is a good paper with which to begin the year, and will reach the thousands of true-hearted Republican readers of our Weekly in their first number for 1857.

We invite to it the attention of all who have not already perused it. Its brief summary of the results of our victory in this State, and its suggestions as to future action, are alike forcible and persuasive.

Decision in the State Lunatic Asylum Case!

We received, late on Thursday evening, a dispatch from Madison, announcing that the Commissioners, Messrs. Howe, Lynde and Lovell, appointed to hear and determine the matters at issue between the State and Asylum Proprietor, late contractor for the State Lunatic Asylum, had decided on awarding to Mr. Proprietor the sum of \$7,492,000. We hope to be able to give our readers shortly an abstract of this highly important decision. Meantime, a brief history of the same will be of interest for those who are newers in our State, and will refresh the recollections of those of those who have been more or less familiar with the facts in the case.

Three years ago, a Committee of the Senate made a Report on the subject of a State Lunatic Asylum, urging its erection, and going into details of estimate of its cost, (which were wild enough, doubtless); setting the probable expense at about \$22,500.

A bill was drafted, authorizing the Governor to appoint a Superintendent and three Commissioners; and that a contract should be let, after public advertisement, for a building on the plan of the Worcester Asylum, and in accordance with the Senate Committee's Report; no variance was to be allowed which should be material or increase the cost as estimated in that Report.

This became a law.

Gov. Bartow appointed the late Dr. McLane, the author of the Report, as Superintendent, and Messrs. Vitruvius, Brown, and Saxon, thorough-going Barlow-Democratic politicians, as Commissioners. Twenty thousand dollars having been appropriated, these officers set to work, advertised and let the contract amidst many complaints of foul play, and before the meeting of the Legislature next year, it was rumored that the contract would cost the State at least \$75,000, which caused a great deal of indignation at the operators. Gov. Bartow, and the rest.

At the ensuing session, a Committee of Investigation was raised, which made thorough work of it, going through the details of the contract with great interest and care, and reported that the building would cost the State very near half a million of dollars. The law authorizing the Asylum was forthwith repealed, and the contractor had already drawn some \$12,000, we believe, on monthly estimates of work done, in the way of excavation, and stone delivered.

It may well be supposed that the people of the State breathed freer, having this enormous burden raised from their shoulders.

The contractor claimed damages for stopping his contract, and at length, in a spirit of meanness, the Legislature at its late extra session, appointed a commission, consisting of Messrs. Timothy O. Howe, William F. Lynde, and Fred. S. Lovell, before whom the matter was to be argued to whom both parties were to submit their claims, and whose award was to be final. Both the State and the contractor appeared before them, by counsel. The latter, as we have understood, claimed some \$75,000 damages, in the way of profit that he might have made out of his contract, while he proved witness that he might have made much more than that.

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LOUISBURG, with the intention to shoot back A. M., the man who shot him, he has not been seen since; his last words were, "I am dead." He had black hair and whiskers; wore a brown felt hat, brown checked pants; had with him a double shot gun, gold watch in a brass case; an account book of Reed & Fetherson, and about \$200 cash. The above reward will be paid by George Trembleau, at East Water Street, on his recovery.

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